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OF THE ROSES

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to all People.



Stained glass (detail) from the parable of the Talents

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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15th, 2026 Worship 10 am

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex.

Assistance needed?	**Children with you?**
Large print bulletins, hearing assist devices are available from our tech team at back of the church. *Asterisk means please stand if able. The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation.	Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way and the kids table in the back of our Sanctuary. Sunday School is offered after *Gathering of the Children* during the service. Quiet Room open at back of church.

Please join us for fellowship & coffee in Bowen Hall after service.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "How Lovely Are Thy Dwelling" Samuel Liddle

WELCOME –(*If you are a guest, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in the offering plate.)*

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

INTROIT "It Is Well With my Soul" Philip P. Bliss
The Roses Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us use our voices to praise the Lord.
Our mouths will shout forth praise.
Let us use our minds to ponder the wondrous deeds of God.
We will call to mind God's mighty acts.
With all of our strength and being, let us worship the Lord of love.
We will worship from our depths. Our souls exult in God!

https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/2017/11/06/pentecost-24-proper-28a/

*HYMN #612 "We Praise You, O God" Edward Kremser

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2. We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3. With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Merciful God,
We have failed to love you with all our heart
and to be good stewards of your creation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship
and to be good stewards of your gospel:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have failed to be faithful members of your church
and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God proves God's love for us
in that while we still were sinners,
Christ died for us.
Confident in God's free gift of forgiveness,
I declare to you:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God! Amen.

Congregational Prayer and Words of Affirmation are a*dapted from David Beswick, http://www.beswick.info/rclresources/15C95OS.htm. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/06/confession-lord-have-mercy.html.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen Amen

CALL FOR OFFERING Lindsay Olsen

OFFERTORY "A Dream" Gabriel Faure

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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God, above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous Christ, every good gift comes from your hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people. May we find joy in faithful relationship with you and our neighbors. May all that we offer today become a witness to your abundant grace. **Amen.**
Adapted from https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/it-will-be-like-this/week-2-twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-2-twenty-fifth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-it-will-be-like-this-offertory-prayer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION-

HYMN #288 "Spirit of the Living God" D. Iverson

Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on Me
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 (NRSVE) Lindsay Olsen
This is the word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM- "Feed My Lambs" Natalie Sleeth
Roses Chancel Choir

GATHERING OF THE CHILDREN-

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING- Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVUE)

SERMON "Saving Investments?" The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan

*HYMN #700 "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" Wendell P. Whalum

1. I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2. I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3. I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4. I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord God, we give you thanks for all your gifts to us—for daily food, for health, for each breath we take, for freedom to choose, and for the gifts of your word, your power and your love. Our hearts are truly overwhelmed, O God, when we consider how you have entrusted so much to us. May we be worthy of that trust—may we be a people who are unafraid to live as fully and as richly as you want us to live.
Help us, O God, as followers of Jesus, to multiply all that you have given us, to risk spreading your word and perhaps see it misunderstood, to gamble by loving those whom others think worthy only of hate, to take chances by doing good to those who have not done good to us. Help us be faith filled

and desire to increase your glory and your goodness in this world. Make us people who share in both word and deed that which you have given to us.
We pray for the church gathered today, both here and around the world, that it may encourage all of its members to discover, develop and use all their gifts, those of nature and those of grace.
We pray for those who are poor in body or in spirit, for those oppressed and heavy laden, for those sick or in despair. Minister by your Spirit and by us, to all those for whom we have prayed, and help us walk faithfully in the path of our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we were taught to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever Amen.
Feasting on the Word, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, pp. 244-245.

*HYMN #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" James H. Wood

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

3. Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

BENEDICTION-

POSTUDE- "Now Thank We All Our God" George F. Kaufman

PREACHER: *The Rev. Dr. Kevin Buchanan* LITURGIST: *Chris Bowen*
MUSIC: Carol Menke, The Roses Chancel Choir, along with Althea Wright accompanist.

AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY TEAM : *Anthony Cornejo, Phil Goede, Mia Krause, Julia Lim, Nico Wycoff*

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PRAYER REQUESTS-

Please include in your prayers-

Greg Basham
Barbara Basham
Jim Bauer
Barbara Blinn
Marjorie Cortez
Yvonne Draper
Michele Hare
Andy Kawecki
Chris Ledwick
Vivian Mazeski
Gene Michel
Lesley Pillsbury
Catherine Priestley
Jo Ann Schloegel
Valerie Soldate
Dr. Bob Yee

Those serving in our military

Coast Guard Commander Ian Alloway Culver in Washington D.C – Headquarters, Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. with the Air Force Reserve
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"Flowers donated by Linda Burille in loving memory of her husband Tony"



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*UPCOMING:

You are invited!

Spiritual Formation Class:

Discussions on the major prophets

Sun. Nov. 22nd @ 11:20 in the Rose room

Celebrate the beginning of Advent with us Sunday Afternoon 11/29/26 – see insert in today's bulletin.

Thanksgiving Food Drive starts TODAY!

Most requested items:

- **Cooking oil** (any type)
- Stews and chili
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Boxed dry meals and sides
- 1–2 lbs. bags of rice/bean etc.
- Refried beans
- Snack bars

Give what you and your family would want to receive if you needed food 😊
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